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CENTRAL SILKWORM SEED COMMITTEE
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to constitute Central Silk Worm Seed Committee;

(b) if so, the composition and main functions thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : As per the Central Silk Board Act, 1948, as amended by the Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 2006, the composition of the Central Silk-worm Seed Committee is:

(i) The Vice-Chairperson of the Board who shall be the Chairperson of the Committee, ex- officio;

(ii) Seven officials not below the rank of Deputy Secretary to the Government of India dealing with sericulture from the Statesâ€”members;

(iii) two experts from the field of silk-worm seed developmentâ€”members;

(iv) Five persons to represent the sericulture sector of whom three shall be the farmers and two the reelers − members;

(v) The Director of the National Silk-worm Seed Organisation to be nominated by the Central Government - member; and

(vi) Secretary of the Board shall be the Secretary of the Committee, ex-officio.

(vii) The Committee may associate with it, for such purposes and in such manner as it may deem fit, any person whose assistance or advice it may consider necessary in complying with the provisions of the Act, and a person so associated, shall have the right to take part in the proceedings of the Committee relevant to the purposes for which he has been associated, but shall not have the right to vote and shall be entitled to receive such allowances or fees, as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Functions of the Committee:

(i) to lay down quality standards for kind or variety of Silk-worm seed;

(ii) to authorise silk-worm races and hybrids for commercial exploitation;

(iii) to lay down quality standards for production of silk-worm seeds;

(iv) to lay down the conditions and requirements that have to be met out by the persons desirous of setting up facilities for production of silk-worm seeds or grainages;

(v) to lay down certification and silk-worm seed testing procedures for seeds sold by registered producers;

(vi) to undertake registration of silk-worm seed producers and dealers, and to control and supervise the inspection process to ensure adherence of the prescribed quality standards and seed certification requirements;

(vii) to lay down conditions and standards for export and import of silk-worm seeds and adherence to them;

(viii) to programme and plan of silk-worm seed production;
(ix) to advise the Central and State Governments on the matters aforesaid; and

(x) such other matters connected and incidental to the production, supply, distribution, trade and commerce in Silk-worm seed,

(c) : The Government is in the process of framing draft rules for implementation of the Central Silk Board (Amendment) Act, 2006 and the Committee would be formally constituted accordingly.